

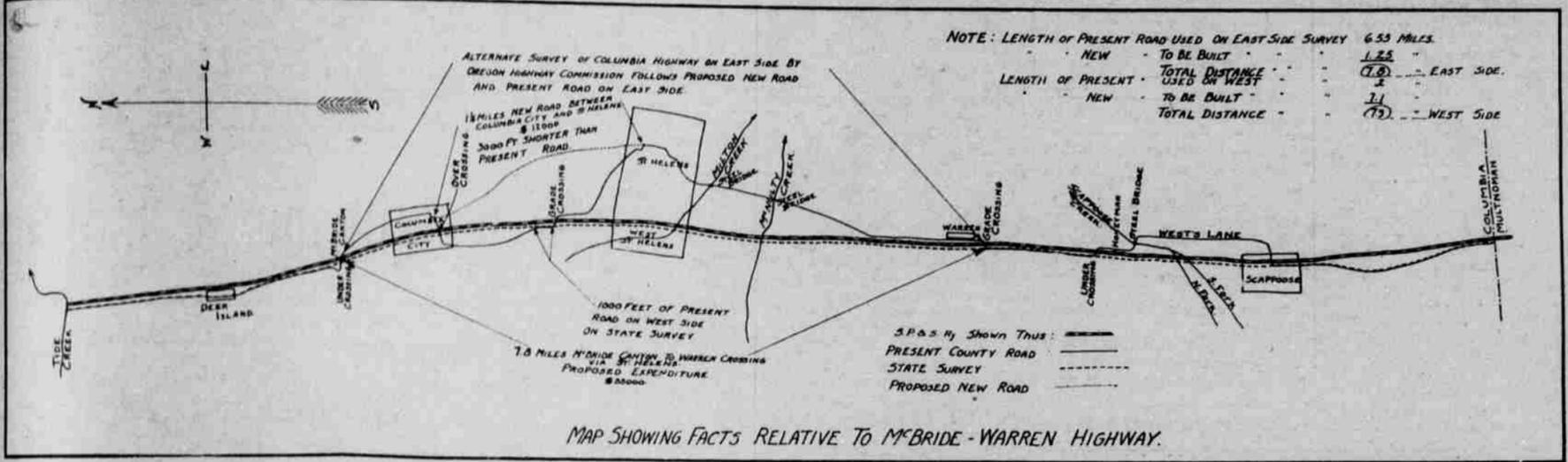
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MAP SHOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO M'BRIDE-WARREN HIGHWAY.

By referring to the above plat of the road between Warren and Columbia City it can be seen at a glance why the people in this portion of the County are fighting to have the small amount of money left for road work, put where it will do some good. It will also explain why the Court is insisting on carrying out the wishes of the people for the benefit of the people interested. Between the underground crossing at McBride Canyon and the grade crossing just south of Warren, on the road proposed by Major Bowlby is a distance of 7.3 miles out of which 7.1 miles must be new construction and which will require the building of two bridges across Milton Creek and McNulty Creek. By following this line through it will be seen that it will necessarily pass through valuable property such as houses, store buildings, orchards etc, and to say that the owners of this property will

grant rights of way for nothing is preposterous and to say that the right of way can be condemned by the County for the payment of a nominal sum is also untrue which is best proved by the same assertion made by the State Engineer that rights of way from Tide Creek down the river could be secured for a nominal sum while the facts are that the claims for damages on the lower roads amounts to more than \$60,000. The property through which the proposed Bowlby road on this plat would pass is recognized as the most valuable farm lands in the County and the men who own it are not going to give it up for nothing. They are not required to do so and would be foolish if they did. The road on the east side of the track between the same points is 7.5 miles in length, just one half mile exactly longer than is the proposed Bowlby road. Out of this distance on the east side

there are already 6.55 miles of road constructed and only needs repairing and on grades that cannot be bettered by a new road on the west side. There will be 1 1/4 miles of new road to be built on this side against 7.1 miles on the other side. The cost of building the new 1.25 miles of road together with the straightening and widening of the old road for 6.55 miles will be about \$35,000. The two steel bridges are already built. If the road on the east side is kept and repaired it will allow enough money out of the \$55,000 to also put the road from Warren to Multnomah County in first class condition, while if the \$55,000 left is used on the road on the west side of the track there will not be enough money to secure the rights of way and build the bridges. So it can be easily seen why the people are demanding that the money be spent where it will do some good.

COUNTY COURT DENIES CHARGE

OFFICERS MAKE FLAT DENIAL OF THE RECALL ALLEGATIONS

WE NOT VIOLATED THE LAW

New Road Between St. Helens and Columbia City Will Save 3000 Feet in Distance

TO THE PEOPLE OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Petitions having been filed with the County Clerk, demanding the recall of the members of the County Court for the following reasons:

That they have been selfish and extravagant in the management of the County business, in proof of which the following charges are cited:

(1) That a road has been ordered to be built between the City of St. Helens and Columbia City, known as the "Columbia City and Warren Highway", at a cost of Thirty Thousand Dollars, which road when completed will be of no practical benefit to the public and is being built parallel to the present county road for a distance of about three miles.

(2) For the purchase of an automobile truck at a cost of \$4675.00 without advertising before purchasing the same.

(3) That they have not complied with Sections 6278 and 6279 as amended in the Session Laws of 1913.

In reply to the above charges will be, as to No. 1, The road improvement as ordered consists of about 7.8 miles, being from the underground crossing north of Columbia City and extending to the grade crossing south of Warren, using the old county road for the whole distance, except about one and one fourth miles, which would be new construction between Columbia City and St. Helens, which will make a saving in distance of about 3000 feet and would do away with one overhead and one grade crossing over the railroad between the two points.

(2) As to advertising for the auto truck before purchasing, there is no law authorizing or requiring the Court to advertise before purchasing.

(3) As to Sections 6278 and 6279 their provisions have been fully

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OUR FIREMEN VISIT ST. JOHNS

Good Showing Made by the Boys Although Not Winning

WATER FIGHT IS OURS

Considerable Dissatisfaction at Decisions of the Judges

Altho not entirely satisfied with the decision of the judges who all very plainly showed tendency to favor the Corvallis and Oregon City Firemen, our Fire Chief L. E. Allen was more than satisfied with the splendid team work and showing of the boys at St. Johns, Labor Day.

Frank Robertson would have had a splendid chance in the 100 yard dash had not a dog got in his way. This race should have been run over as the Corvallis man beat the gun easily 2 1/2 feet.

The boys were complimented very highly by old Chicago Fire Veterans who witnessed our run in the New York Test which would have terminated very favorably had not a coupling broke loose.

Jack Root took second place in ladder climbing contest which was a surprise as he had no practice and had to compete against experts.

The boys made an excellent run in the 100 yard hose cart race composed of nine men, and would have easily beat the other teams, but the stop watches could not be beat.

The water fight which would have been called off but on the demand of Capt. Root for a fight or first money was reconsidered and a select team taken from all the other departments met with defeat with Capt. Root as breast works and E. Robertson, McKie, Cooley and McDougall as supports and would have been fighting yet so far as stability was concerned as Root did not move one inch.

TELEPHONE SERVICE IS IMPROVED

Telephone service in St. Helens has been greatly increased this month. Dr. and Mrs. Zipperer are always alive to the needs of the community and their patrons and when the demand seemed to them to warrant it more and better service has been put on. Starting the first of September the exchange is open continuously from 6 in the morning till 10 at night. Between these hours any call will be answered but extra payment will be required for them.

20c Embroidery Tuesday only 12 1/2c per yard, at Noah's Ark.

RECALL CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS

Caucus at Rainier Last Saturday Selects Men to Oppose Present Officers

ONE HUNDRED NAMES ON EACH PETITION

A. L. Clark for Judge, A. E. Harvey and B. J. Keelan for Commissioners, G. R. Metsker for Attorney

A meeting of citizens of the county was held at Rainier last Saturday for the purpose of nominating candidates to run for District Attorney, County Judge and County Commissioners at the recall election. After considerable debate and discussion the following men were elected to become candidates for the various offices: For District Attorney, Glen R. Metsker of St. Helens; for County Judge, A. L. Clark of Rainier; for Commissioner to oppose Louis Fluhrer, A. E. Harvey of Clatskanie; Commissioner to oppose John Farr B. J. Keelan of Deer Island. On Wednesday petitions containing 100 names were filed with the County

Clerk for these various candidates the petitions containing 1 name from Houlton, 1 from Scappoose, 2 from Yankton, 2 from Deer Island and 94 from Rainier. At the same time Mr. Keelan of Deer Island filed a petition of his candidacy for County Commissioner as an Independent, to be voted on at the November election for the four year term in opposition to Judson Weed, the Republican candidate, and Gus Lange, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Clark and Mr. Harvey were in St. Helens today filing acceptances and Mr. Keelan and Mr. Metsker had already filed acceptances on the 9th. The election has been called by Clerk LaBare for the 22nd of September.

JOHN A. PENDER MUST HANG

Motion for Rehearing Denied by Supreme Court

The Supreme Court this week denied the motion of John A. Pender for a rehearing before that Court. Owing to the fact that Pender was not executed on the day previously set by the Court, pending his appeal to the Supreme Court he will have to be re-sentenced and Judge Eakin will sentence him to be hanged when court meets here on the 13th day of October. The last hope of saving Pender is now gone. The Courts have all passed upon his case and he still stands convicted of murder in the first degree and will be executed, unless the Governor should commute his sentence. According to press dispatches Governor West has said that he will hold up the hanging of Pender and another man from Portland until after the people decide at the November election whether or not hanging shall be abolished in Oregon.

Baby Blankets 59c at Noah's Ark.

A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Edwin Ross and Mrs. W. B. Dillard were luncheon hostesses Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ross, in honor of Miss Jessie Drew, bride-elect, and covers were laid for eighteen. The color scheme was yellow and white, the center piece being a huge basket of yellow dahlias surrounded by Autumn leaves and with yellow candles. Dainty little crocheted baskets held mints and nuts. After luncheon Miss Drew was surprised with a miscellaneous shower when she received many beautiful gifts. Besides the honor guest there were present Mrs. Wm. Drew, Mrs. John, Mrs. Galichio, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Walter Williams, Mrs. W. G. Muckle, Mrs. Mm. Muckle, Mrs. Van Orshoven, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Southard Mrs. J. W. Allen, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Edwin Ross, Mrs. Dillard, Misses Alice and Anna Quick and Miss Beryl Muckle.

Mrs. E. E. Smith of Kansas City, formerly Mary Conyers of Clatskanie, visited Mrs. L. R. Rutherford and Mrs. Jacob George Thursday.

RECEPTION TO CITY TEACHERS

Citizens Take Opportunity of Becoming Acquainted with Teachers

ENJOYABLE EVENING

Musical and Literary Program with Short Speeches

That St. Helens parents and citizens have a common school interest was well shown last Friday evening when a crowd assembled in the High School building to extend a welcome to the teachers.

The reception was arranged for by the Epworth League.

The Misses Esie Phillip and Anne Kettel were hostesses at the door to greet the guests and usher them through the hall, prettily changed into a hospitable drawing room annex.

The guests were first seated and entertained by an address of welcome by Rev. E. T. Luther, responded to by the principal, Mr. L. L. Baker. Both speakers cordially expressed the real hope of parent-teacher co-operation. Miss Susie Kettel sang a pleasing solo and encore and Mrs. Glen R. Metsker accompanied by Bessie Peters, rendered a vocal selection that was appreciated as an artistic effort. Miss Mildred Allen delightfully entertained with two readings and Mrs. Wood was thoroughly enjoyed with one of her best piano selections. Mr. Harley Turner was equally as entertaining with "I Love You Truly" on the violin and all sat enraptured while Bessie Peters literally carried them away with some fast time on the piano.

At the conclusion of the program the teachers were put in line and introduced to each guest present, after which Misses Annie Quick and Maude Richardson waited upon all behind the punch bowl.

The school room itself was a veritable array of flower decorations and the beautiful affect was done alone to Mr. Walter Blakesley, who contributed from his wonderful dahlia garden many of the varied colored blossoms.

This reception was a real opportunity for parents and citizens to meet for an evening's entertainment. All pronounced it a most enjoyable affair. It is the aim of the school that such evenings occur frequently.

This evening, Friday, Dr. Emil Enna, comes to furnish piano music in lecture-recital at the school building, which is an entertainment put on by the school, without charge to the townspeople.

Men's heavy all wool hose 35c at Noah's Ark.

CITY LOSES THE STRAND CASE

SUPREME COURT HOLDS CITY HAS NO TITLE TO STRAND

NO DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC

This Decision Absolutely Fixes Title to Court House Property of the County

The Supreme Court of the State of Oregon has decided that the City of St. Helens does not own the Strand. The decision holds that W. A. Harris, is the owner of the property at the foot of Cowlitz Street and which was designated on the dedication map or plat filed many years ago as "Strand-Reserved for wharves" and that his title is absolute and in fee simple. This decision is far reaching in its importance to the city and to Columbia County. By it the City is held to have no rights in any portion of the Strand except to that portion which has already been adjudicated and that Judge Harris, M. C. Gray, Jas. Sheldon, the K. of P. Lodge and others along the water front are the owners of the property.

Perhaps the most important part of the decision by the Supreme Court is that touching upon the title to the County property where the Court House stands. By this decision the title to the County property is absolutely fixed and the County is the owner of a fee simple title to all the property where the Court House stands and surrounding it. The title which was in dispute in the case of Harris vs the City was the same title under which the County held its property, with the exception that all the interested parties, including the City had deeded to the County, so there was no question any way about the County title, but to set aside all question of doubt as to its title this case definitely fixes it for all time.

The question as to who are the owners of the tide lands in front of this property, if there is any, was not raised in this case and there is no decision on that question.

The decision, omitting the law as cited by the Court, is printed in this issue of the Mist so that all may see what it was decided upon.

\$2.00 Umbrellas for \$1.50 also Childs Umbrellas for 50c at Noah's Ark.